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Applicant: Franco D'Alessandro

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Title: LIGHTNING PROTECTION DEVICE AND METHOD

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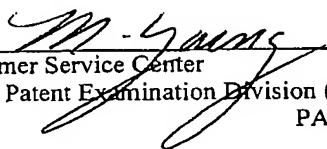
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